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New Bedford Harbor - Lynne Jennings (OSRR)

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SENSITIVE ISSUES: The investigation and cleanup of the former Aerovox facility in New Bedford, which was the predominant source of PCB contamination to the harbor, is being performed by AVX, the responsible party, under the state's 21E cleanup program. Investigations have demonstrated that DNAPL (dense non-aqueous phase liquid) exists at the eastern boundary of site adjacent to the harbor, triggering an Immediate Response Action (IRA), and that PCB/CVOC contaminated groundwater migrates to the harbor. These continuing sources to the harbor must be addressed in order for EPA to complete the Superfund cleanup. In August 2016, AVX submitted its Phase III Remedial Action Plan. Under the current Phase III Remedial Action Plan, the remedy will not be constructed until Fall 2019. This may impact the EPA Superfund cleanup schedule. In February 2017, DEP issued detailed written notice of its determination regarding each of the recommended remedial action alternatives presented in the Phase III Remedial Action Plan. Some components of the Plan were conditionally approved and others were denied or found to be deficient. EPA is coordinating with MassDEP on AVX's IRA activities and Phase III.

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